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# STATE HOUSE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** November 21, 2005  
**Meeting Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
Room 130  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 4

**Members Present:** Rep. James Buck, Chairperson; Rep. Thomas Saunders; Rep. Dan Stevenson; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. Brent Waltz; Sen. James Lewis.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Jeb Bardon; Sen. Richard Young.

At 2:38 P.M. November 21, 2005, Representative Buck, Chair, called the fourth and final meeting of State House Museum Committee to order. The Chairman made some brief introductory comments on the Ball State University student presentation.

Dr. Sonne Palmer, Ball State University, provided the Committee members with an abbreviated report of the architectural design study (Exhibit 1). The Chairman directed the Committee and persons in attendance to the south atrium of the State House where Dr. Palmer and his students made a presentation of their design proposal for the museum.

Following the presentation, the Committee returned to Room 130. Legislative Services Agency (LSA) staff distributed the draft final report to the Committee. The Committee reviewed the draft report's findings.

Senator Merritt asked the Committee to consider interim use of the LSA Legislative Information Center (LIC) to sell small items such as state flags and lapel pins until a permanent gift shop is built. The Chairman and the Committee members in attendance agreed to add Senator Merritt's recommendation to the final report.

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Jennifer Hodge, Department of Administration (DOA), said that the DOA could also handle money. She said that there is a glass display case available near the north entrance to the State House that could be moved.

Representative Saunders said that caution should be taken on the amount of display-type items that tend to build up in the open areas of the State House.

Chairman Buck stated that he preferred that the proceeds from the sale of items be used for State House maintenance.

Senator Merritt said that there should be a recommendation for a bill for the proceeds to go to a dedicated account. He said there are several items for which the money could be used, such as rebuilding or replacement of busts of Hendricks and Owen. He asked the Committee to consider adding a recommendation in the final report to the Legislative Council for a bill to dedicate the proceeds from memorabilia sales to State House upkeep.

The Chairman and the other members agreed to incorporate Senator Merritt's second recommendation into the final report.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the report as amended. The motion was moved and seconded. A roll-call vote was conducted. Six members voted aye and no members voted nay to adopt the report as amended.

Chairman Buck recognized Dr. Palmer to speak. Dr. Palmer said the design study report is a sketch of a final document that would encompass 24 pages in its entirety.

Chairman Buck thanked all persons for their input and work over the interim. He congratulated and thanked Dr. Palmer and the students for their work and presentation of their findings.

With no further business before the Committee, Chairman Buck adjourned the hearing at 3:50 P.M.